

COMPONENT STAGER

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ABSTRACT

5 A component stager accepts from developers one or more
versions of a component of a product, and associates with
each version a time that is one of a number of the
periodically recurring times (also called "ticks"), e.g. an
upcoming Wednesday, if the periodically recurring times
10 happen on a weekly basis, i.e. every Wednesday. Such
associations may be used to identify one or more versions
that are associated with a specific tick, e.g. to identify
the amount of work done between ticks and/or to find
versions that are currently available for release, which may
15 be based on a most recent tick, or a tick associated with a
milestone in the past.